

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, on line 16, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--

Page 2, on line 7, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, on line 4, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 3, on line 15, insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

Page 4, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

-- [0015] More precisely, the wall 5 comprises a first inside door 11 and a second outside door [[2]] 12--

Page 5, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

-- [0022] [[when]] When a receptacle 20, containing a biological sample and equipped with a radiofrequency identification transponder 22 tuned with the radiofrequency module of the unit 14, is placed in the work space 9, the antenna 16 can, via radiofrequency waves, exchange information with the transponder 22, since the inside door 11 which separates the

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antenna 16 from the work space 9 is completely transparent to the  
radiofrequency waves used by the communication system 3.--